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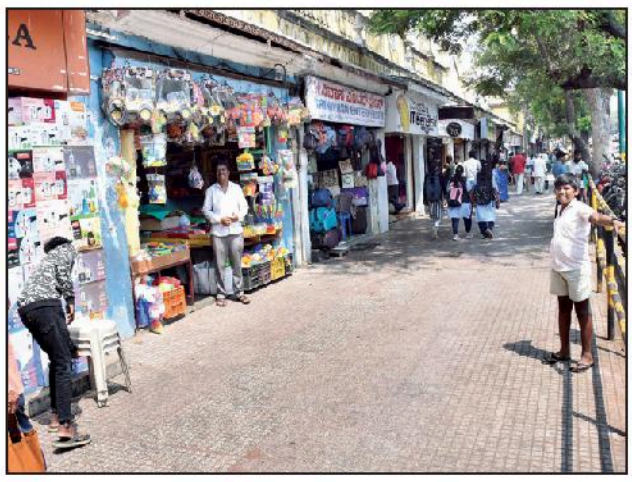
# Footpaths around Devaraja Market cleared of vendors

**MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu inspects the walkable pedestrian footpaths**



*Pic.1:* ***MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu inspecting the clutter-free walkway inside the Devaraja Market.*** *Pic.2:* ***The Chikka Gadiyara (Dufferin Clock Tower) area is cleared of fruit, flower and other vendors.*** *Pic.3:* ***Footpath on Sayyaji Rao Road made walkable after clearing the vendors.***

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&BCT)- A week following the extensive clean-up of Devaraja Market, where the walkway for over 1,500 shops was cleared of clutter and eviction drive to clear the footpaths surrounding both sides of Sayyaji Rao Road near K.R. Circle and the vicinity of Chikka Gadiyara Market (Dufferin Clock Tower), which were previously bustling with numerous hawkers, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu conducted an inspection of these areas this morning and evaluated the implemented measures.

The eviction drive invited public acclaim as pedestrians and shoppers now move freely without obstruction on footpaths typically dominated by vendors, providing ample space for people to walk. Similarly, shops within Devaraja Market, which previously encroached upon much of the front area, leaving scant room for walkers or shoppers, have adhered to regulations and removed encroachments.

During the inspection, the MCC Commissioner stated that she had surveyed the footpaths and Devaraja Market last Monday and had instructed Zonal Assistant Commissioners, Environment Engineers, Pourakarmikas and Health Inspectors to clear the footpaths and remove encroachments.

"Over 80 percent of the encroachments inside Devaraja Market have been cleared and the footpaths now present a clutter-free appearance. Going forward, the MCC Office within Devaraja Market will conduct regular inspections to prevent encroachments from reappearing. Officers have been instructed to conduct routine checks and report any violations," Dr. Madhu informed reporters.

**(See MARKET on page 6)**

# SSLC exam in district begins: Over 40,000 appear

Mysuru, Mar.25 (RK&DM)- The first day of the annual SSLC (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) exam for the academic year 2023-24 went off smoothly in the city and district this morning. A total of 40,337 students have enrolled for the exam in Mysuru district, who include 634 private students and 1,132 repeaters.

The exams were held in 132 centres spread across the district, including 42 in Mysuru city alone. On the first day today, the first language paper exam was held between 10.15 am and 1.45 pm. The students were asked to take their seat in the designated exam halls 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam, following which the question papers were distributed at 10.15 am.

The district administration had designated as many as 54 routes, including 16 in the city, for distribution of exam papers to all centres, in assigned GPS-installed vehicles this morning from the District Treasury.

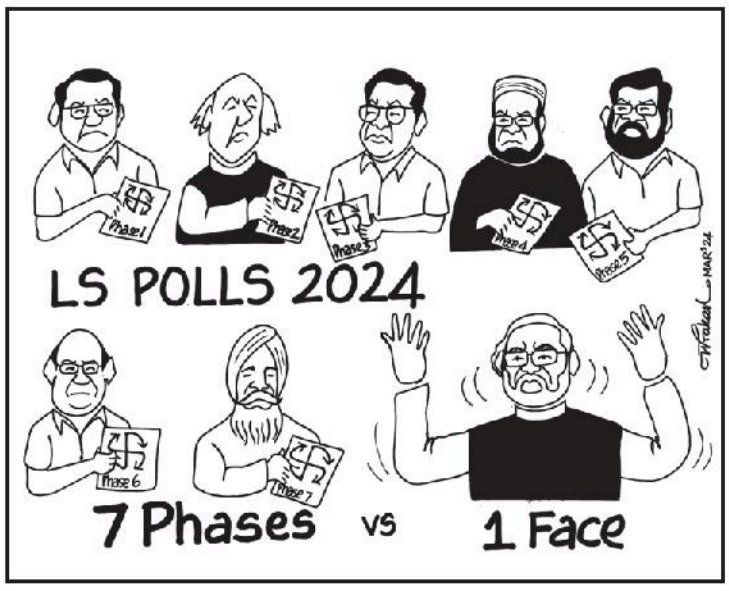
All exam halls were installed with CCTV cameras and all the students were screened for any electronic gadgets, before they were allowed entry to the Hall.

The exam was held under tight security, with the city Police clamping prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in 200 mts. radius around all the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm.

**(See SSLC on page 6)**

## TEASER

**By N. Prakash**

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# STAR OF MYSORE

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 25th March 2024


## Cloud computing: Pre-conference workshop held at Amrita

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (BCT)- A pre-conference workshop for the 13th IEEE International Conference on "Cloud computing in emerging markets" was organised on Mar. 16 at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in city.

The event featured a series of keynote sessions delivered by experts. Dr. Mahesh Rao, President of TiE, Mysuru Chapter and CEO of Aashaya Design Solutions, explored the "Use of predictive analytics in healthcare," offering valuable insights into data analytic applications.

Gurvinder Singh, Senior Solutions Architect at IBM and Yatin Gawde, Senior Architect at Accenture, presented "genAI introduction with WatsonX," discussing integrating artificial intelligence into various domains.

Ravichandra Kulkarni, Dean of Research at MIT Mysuru and Chair of IEEE Mysuru, delved into "the overlay of AI-IoT-EV: Gateway to amazing possibilities."

Kiran Puthukudy, Chief Architect & DevOps Leader at CYAAG Technologies, discussed "nextgen social impact with IEEE sustainable development platform." Ramakrishna Reddy, Principal Architect at RedHat, and Barnali Bhattacharya, Senior Architect at Accenture, shared insights on "cloud-native development with red hat open shift." Dr. Sheela Siddappa, Director of Kyndryl India, concluded the sessions with a presentation on "AI and job," addressing the intersection of AI and employment. The event attracted significant interest, with over 250 submissions.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

*Accessing a website the other day, I came across the standard disclaimer in the form of a box that you have to tick: I am not a bot.*

*I was about to make the required tick when a thought struck me. I knew I was not a bot, short for robot. Unless — like in the brainteaser about the poet who dreamt he was a butterfly and when he woke, wondered if he were a butterfly who was dreaming he was a poet — I was a bot dreaming I was a human, which any aptly AI-enabled bot could easily be programmed to do.*

*The distinction between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and human intelligence has become increasingly blurred. Bots have learnt to hold meaningful conversations with people, write poetry, outplay chess grandmasters, draft legal documents, write medical prescriptions and diagnose how likely you are to have a heart attack.*

*AI has also been used to create 'deep fakes' that can turn what we call reality inside out, and create images depicting people in compromising situations.*

*Way back in 1942, American science fiction writer Isaac Asimov formulated his Three Laws of Robotics. The First Law states: A robot may not harm a human or allow a human to come to harm. The Second Law says: A robot must obey orders given by humans except when these conflict with the First Law. The Third Law says: A robot must protect its own existence as long as it does not conflict with the two other Laws.*

*That's fine, but what happens when robots become more human than humans are? Some say that such a turning point might not be far off. Advanced AI systems are learning to learn on their own, or self-learn, without help from humans. ASI or Artificial Super Intelligence may develop "thinking skills more advanced than any humans."*

*Scientists have warned that ASI could "surpass human control…leading to unforeseen consequences and even existential risks" to humanity.*

*Science fiction? Perhaps. But science fiction has an uncomfortable way of becoming science fact.*

*Will a future AI Asimov frame the Three Laws of Humans: A human may not harm a robot…*

—*Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

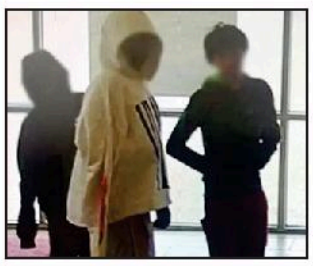
### Escape artist sets Guinness World Record

Paris: A professional escape artist inaugurated a new Guinness World Records category when he escaped from a water tank in 2 minutes and 11 seconds while his hands and feet were restrained.

Guinness World Records announced escapologist Andrew Basso is now the first person to hold the record for fastest time to escape from a water tank upside down with restrained hands and feet.

A video of the attempt shows Basso removing his handcuffs, dislocating an ankle to free his foot from a restraint and then picking a lock at the top of the tank without being able to see it.

### Juvenile thieves handed over to Police by parents



Houston: Three boys, aged 11, 12 and 16, and dubbed the "Little Rascals," were recently arrested after being turned in by their parents for robbing a Houston Bank.

Police claim that the three boys walked into a Wells Fargo bank in the Greenspoint area of north Houston on Mar. 14, passed a threatening note to a teller and managed to get away on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. When Police arrived and checked the surveillance footage, they were shocked to see that the bank robbers were incredibly young.

Shortly after the photos of the three perpetrators were released, the parents of the two youngest boys came forward and turned their sons in. The 16-year-old was recognized after getting into an unrelated fight and handled by a law enforcement agency.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Most cases of chronic kidney disease show no overt symptoms during the early stage. Individuals with high risk factors are advised to check their kidney functions regularly.

***By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Applications invited for 'Vipra Mahila Ratna' Award

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (BS)-Mysuru District Brahmana Yuva Vedike and Vipra Sahayavani (Helpline) have invited applications from Vipra women who have achieved at State, National and International-levels in 2023-24 for 'Vipra Mahila Ratna' Award.

The achievers who have secured prizes in education, art, music, sports and cultural fields, multifaceted talents and unprecedented achievers in drawing, science and research can also apply for the award.

Interested can apply along with photocopies of self-attested documents and details on WhatsApp to following numbers: 98807-52727 or 78290-67769 before Mar. 26. Those who have already received the award need not apply, according to a press release from General Secretary of Mysuru District Brahmana Yuva Vedike Vikram Iyengar.

## WATER LEVEL

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| Last year's level **99.60 feet** | Last year's level **2,260.99 feet** | Last year's level **2,823.85 feet** |
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| Today's Outflow **979 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **1,500 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **400 cusecs** |

## REALLY...?

- *Alligators can grow for more than 30 years, and often don't hit their full size until they are 33!*
- *According to Guinness World Records, the shortest dog ever recorded was Pearl the Chihuahua. She measures 3.59 inches tall.*
- *Dogs can learn over 100 words and gestures. Dogs are thought to be as smart as two-year-old children (and much easier to train!), so many owners teach them commands and tricks.*
- *Dogs have wet noses because it helps to absorb scent chemicals.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Tax collector: **Why don't you pay your tax with a smile?***
*Tax payer: **I'd love to, but you insist on money!***

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
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| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 83.48 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 105.23 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 22.73 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 90.31 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# This accident-prone junction needs immediate attention

Sir,

This is the junction connecting Sewage Farm Road and DAV Public School in Vidyaranyapuram.

Trivial accidents are common here. Around a week ago there was an accident and the glass pieces are still not cleared from the spot by the concerned.

This happens on many roads including 28th Cross which has never seen a Pourakarmika sweeper for many weeks.

The above junction connects the road which has a college, a school, an apparel factory, sweets' godown, tiles godown, 2 wedding halls and many more business establishments.

The Sewage Farm road also houses many such establishments apart from big apartments. At peak hours there is a chaos of people and vehicles criss-crossing each other.

Therefore this junction needs immediate attention and some safety mechanism too.

**—E. Venkatesh**
Vidyaranyapuram
22.3.2024

# MGP submits action plan to MCC on water conservation

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (SBD&DM)- Even as the city is staring at a possible drinking water crisis this summer due to poor rainfall, the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has submitted its action plan regarding water conservation and management to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

A MGP delegation comprising members K.V. Bhanuprashanth, Vishwanath, Arunkumar, Somashekar, Dr. Panduranga Murthy, Dayanand, Raghavendra and Shankar, met MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu at her office here recently.

The action plan said that the MCC should first ensure prevention of possible water contamination. The MCC must undertake water treatment at the original source and supply water only after checking its quality. Water must be double chlorinated as there is every possibility of water getting contaminated during summer. The members of the public must be sensitised on prudent use of treated water.

The MCC should issue a caution to owners of households which have unauthorised water connections and the citizens who use water indiscriminately and waste it should be warned. Action must be taken against such people who do not pay heed to the MCC's water conservation campaigns, the MGP said.

Other measures include prevention of leakage and pilferage of water in the supply network. Also all water connections should have meters. Promotion of rainwater harvesting and rejuvenation of all ground water sources must be a priority. Also, the MCC must take storm water flooding seriously and try to save water, the action plan said.

## Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled ***'World Down Syndrome Day observed - Child's special personality must be supported: Dr. S.N. Mothi'*** published in yesterday's *SOM*, it was inadvertently mentioned in the first sentence that "...one in every thousand babies born in our country is affected by **dementia.**" It may please be read as "... one in every thousand babies born in our country is affected by **Down Syndrome.**" The error is regretted. **—Ed**

# Free cervical cancer vaccination camp held

Mysuru, Mar. 25- A free cervical cancer vaccination camp was conducted by Sha Bhabuthmal Rakshanda Gadiya Foundation, a philanthropic trust in city recently on the occasion of the birth anniversary of late Rakshanda Gadiya.

The camp was held under the guidance of Dr. Avinash, Chief Oncologist and Dr. Chaitra, Radiation Oncologist, Clear Medi Radiant Hospital, Mysuru.

A. Subramanya, Chartered Accountant, was also present.

Two doses of vaccination will be given to the enrolled girl children aged between 9 and 14 years.

The Trust will conduct the second camp on June 20 on the death anniversary of Rakshanda Gadiya. Trustees Mahaveer, Dilip, Yesh, Indra, Seema and Shefali Gadiya were present on the occasion.

# 'Bird watching brings people closer to nature'

## Birder from Kodagu Dr. S.V. Narasimhan feted

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&VNS)- Bird watching is one of the mediums to create awareness on environment conservation, said Dr. S.V. Narasimhan, a Birder and Author from Virajpet in Kodagu.

He was speaking after receiving felicitation at 'A Day with Salim Ali' event jointly organised by Mysore Science Theatre Festival Trust, Kutuhali, NCF (National Curriculum Framework) and SVYM (Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement) at Kiru Rangamandira here on Saturday.

"We Indians have always understood the importance of environment since we are worshippers of nature and see divinity in all living beings. Students should learn about nature and its conservation," he said. A doctor by profession, Dr. Narasimhan is perhaps known to many for his passion for birds.

Bird-watcher N.R. Harsha said renowned Ornithologist Dr. Salim Ali had conducted a research on birds between November, 1939 - February, 1940 in Mysuru region and that the recent research had shown the presence of 419 species of birds in Mysuru region.

"Mysuru region has 191 local species and witnesses 129 different species of migratory birds in winter season. In addition, 53 variety of local migratory birds are also spotted in our region. Among the various species of birds found in the country, Mysuru contributes about 30.7 percent and Karnataka contributes 76 percent," he noted.

On the occasion, Kannada and English version of the book *'Salim Ali - Wonder in the World of Birds' (Salim Ali - Pakshi Lokada Beragu')* by Dr. M.C. Manohara/ Shashidhar Dongre were released. Artistes of Arivu Ranga staged a play while talks were delivered on 'Salim Ali and Me' by S. Subramanya, 'Birds of Mysuru Region' by N.R. Harsha and 'Bringing Birds to People' by Abhishek Krishnagopal.

Mysore Science Theatre Festival Trust Trustee Shashidhar Dongre, CFTRI Scientist (retd.) Kollegal Sharma, Suhail Khadar of NCF and Praveen of SVYM were present.

# Nirmala Sitharaman refutes State claim of injustice in Central grants

## Ten-year Narendra Modi era has transformed India from despair to optimism: Finance Minister

*Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during an informal interaction organised by the Thinkers Forum, Mysuru, at KSOU Convocation Hall in city last evening. Picture right shows a section of audience.*

**Tax devolution: UPA Vs NDA**

**"Tax devolution to Karnataka surged by 258 percent from 2014 to 2024 compared to the 10-year tenure of UPA government. Grants to the States rose by 273 percent during the NDA period. Between 2004 and 2014, Karnataka received Rs. 81,795 crore annually in tax devolution. Between 2014 and 2024, it received Rs. 2.93 lakh crore."**

**— Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister**

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&BCT)- In response to the allegations of fiscal bias against Congress-governed Karnataka and claims of inadequate provision of funds, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman delivered a robust defence last evening in the city, asserting that every due penny to the State has been meticulously accounted for and disbursed punctually.

Addressing an informal gathering organised by the Thinkers Forum, Mysuru, at the Convocation Hall of the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Nirmala Sitharaman refuted the assertion that a special grant of Rs. 5,495 crore had not been released to Karnataka, labelling such claims as entirely false. She clarified that the Finance Commission's final report did not recommend any such special grants.

Without directly referring to the Congress government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Nirmala Sitharaman stated her intention to provide a Kannada version of the Finance Commission's recommendations.

### Misleading interpretations

"Inform me whether the claimed amount by the Karnataka government aligns with the recommendations outlined in the final report," she urged. "If it isn't included in the final report, then how can I allocate it?" she questioned, emphasising that misleading interpretations were being circulated to create confusion among the public.

She said that the release of funds is contingent upon the receipt of the necessary audited certificates by the Central government. She assured that the funds would be released promptly upon submission of these certificates.

Highlighting the financial support provided to Karnataka, Nirmala Sitharaman underscored that tax devolution to the State had surged by 258 percent from 2014 to 2024, marking a significant increase compared to the 10-year tenure of the UPA government. Grants to the States had similarly risen by 273 percent during the NDA period, indicating a substantial boost compared to the allocations made by the previous UPA government.

Illustrating the substantial increase in financial assistance, Sitharaman outlined that between 2004 and 2014, Karnataka received Rs. 81,795 crore annually in tax devolution. In contrast, tax devolution to the state between 2014 and 2024 amounted to nearly Rs. 2.93 lakh crore, demonstrating a significant upsurge in support under the current administration.

### Centre wrongly accused

Nirmala Sitharaman's statement came a day after Karnataka filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court requesting a direction to the Centre to immediately release grants under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to the State, which is reeling under acute drought.

"I want to emphasise in detail that every penny owed to Karnataka, every paisa owed to Karnataka, has been disbursed, and disbursed promptly. Nobody is boasting about the amount we've provided, but it's disheartening to be wrongly accused of withholding funds from Karnataka. I urge you to examine the facts, scrutinise the dates of fund disbursement and present specific and accurate information. This way, I can respond appropriately," she asserted.

"When we have consistently delivered funds on time, and sometimes even ahead of schedule, spreading misinformation that money isn't reaching the State is entirely irresponsible," she added sternly.

### From despair to optimism

The 10-year Narendra Modi era has transformed India from despair to optimism, the Finance Minister said. She attributed the prior despair to what she termed as 'policy paralysis' during the preceding UPA decade under the former government.

She dismissed Opposition assertions that earlier administrations had set the stage for economic growth, emphasising that policy initiatives alone are insufficient without effective government implementation.

Highlighting the BJP-led Government's corruption-free tenure over the past decade, Nirmala Sitharaman underscored the administration's vision and commitment to prioritising the interests of the people.

## 'Those who made promises should live up to their word'

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&BCT)- Without directly referencing the present Congress-led State government or mentioning Chief Minister Siddaramaiah by name, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman indicated that Karnataka's economy had been flourishing 'until recently.'

"But now the elected Government in the State is accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of not giving them money to run their programmes. If you did not have the money and budgetary provisions for it or had failed to work out the finances, why did you make the promise? It is not PM Modi's fault. Those who made the promises should live up to their word," she said.

"It takes approximately Rs. 60,000 crore per year to implement all their promised guarantee schemes. I am not against any programmes. But they should tell me if they have worked out their finances and if their budget can provide for such expenditure. Now they accuse us of not giving money to run their government," she said.

Regarding the State government's decision to petition the Supreme Court against the Union Government for allegedly denying financial aid for drought management, the Union Finance Minister acknowledged the right of every citizen to seek justice through the Court. However, she emphasised that she would present all relevant facts before the Court. "We do not differentiate between States. It is my duty to present facts before the Court," the Finance Minister said.

**[See also page 5]**

## Tea, discussion with influencers in Mysuru

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman travelled from Bengaluru to Mysuru by road yesterday evening. In Bengaluru, she attended an interaction event at RV Dental College, J.P. Nagar, where she engaged with public intellectuals, academicians and scholars.

Upon her arrival in Mysuru, Nirmala Sitharaman delivered a speech to a packed auditorium at the Convocation Hall of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for about 35 minutes. She also participated in a question-and-answer session for over 30 minutes.

Subsequently, she participated in a tea session, engaging with over 20 influential figures from Mysuru. The discussions during the session encompassed various topics, including infrastructure, facilities and other pertinent matters concerning Mysuru. Following the tea session, the Finance Minister left for Bengaluru by road.

# Siddu mobilises Congress cadre for Mysuru-Kodagu victory

*Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing party leaders and workers at a strategic meeting held at a private hotel in Mysuru yesterday.*

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (BLU&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has entrusted party workers, MLAs and other leaders with the crucial responsibility of securing victory for the Congress party in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections in the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency, which includes Siddaramaiah's hometown of Mysuru.

Recognising the significance of winning this Constituency, Siddaramaiah has elevated it to a prestige issue for the Congress. He has urged party workers to unite and prioritise the victory of the Congress candidate M. Lakshmana, by setting aside any internal differences.

During a strategic meeting convened at a private hotel in Mysuru yesterday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah rallied party workers, office-bearers, MLAs, and former legislators to ensure a triumphant electoral outcome. Recognising the imperative of overturning past defeats, Siddaramaiah emphasised the necessity of harnessing the collective strength of the Congress cadre.

Acknowledging the BJP's dominance in all areas except Hunsur and Narasimharaja during the previous Lok Sabha election, Siddaramaiah underscored the urgent need for strategic realignment and coordinated efforts.

He highlighted the evolving sentiments against the BJP, particularly in Madikeri and Virajpet, where the Congress enjoys robust Legislative representation.

With an eye on victory, Siddaramaiah set ambitious targets, aiming for a one-lakh vote advantage from these Constituencies. This bold objective reflects the Chief Minister's unwavering commitment to securing a decisive electoral triumph for the Congress in the upcoming polls.

Siddaramaiah delineated clear objectives for legislators in the Periyapatna, Narasimharaja, Chamaraja, Virajpet and Madikeri Constituencies, urging them to mobilise support and secure significant margins of victory. Even in the Krishnaraja Constituency, where the party lacks direct representation, Siddaramaiah expressed confidence in garnering public trust.

Reflecting on past setbacks for Congress in the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency, Siddaramaiah underscored the crucial nature of the upcoming elections, asserting that failure to clinch victory would undermine the party's credibility.

# Do not speak negatively about Yaduveer: CM

*Yaduveer*

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (BLU&BCT)- Recognising the deep emotional connection between the erstwhile royal family and the people of Mysuru, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has instructed leaders and workers of the Congress party to refrain from criticising Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, a member of the erstwhile royal family and the BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the CM asked the party members not to speak negatively about Yaduveer but rather focus their criticisms on the BJP as a whole.

He cautioned against using disrespectful language or making critical remarks about Yaduveer, emphasising that such actions could affect the Congress candidate in Mysuru and other Parliamentary Constituencies.

"Publicise our guarantee schemes. Do not make remarks, personal or political, against Yaduveer. This will backfire and the BJP will be quick to latch on to the negative comments to the advantage of their candidate. Your criticism must be directed against the BJP, not Yaduveer. Don't even mention Yaduveer's name in your speeches," CM Siddaramaiah said.

Although the era of the Maharajas has long passed, the people of Mysuru continue to hold Yaduveer in high regard, often addressing him as 'Maharaja.'

Given the immense respect for the Mysore royal family, the CM stressed that no Congress leader should speak disparagingly of Yaduveer.

# Poll strategy unfolds at private resort

H.D.Kote, Mar. 25 (TRR&BCT)- Amid a busy election schedule, even before the commencement of the nomination filing process for Congress candidates, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has chosen to reside at a private resort nestled in the backwaters of Kabini River in H.D. Kote taluk for three days.

During this time, he will be conducting election strategy meetings with his trusted aides.

Having concluded meetings with party workers and leaders at a private hotel in Mysuru until the previous evening, the CM, accompanied by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, Chairman of Karnataka Jungle and Resorts Anil Chikkamadu, former MLAs Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and H.P. Manjunath, proceeded to the Resort.

Upon their arrival, the CM and his entourage embarked on a boat journey to the resort, where they received a warm welcome from the management and staff.

It has been reported that during his stay, the Chief Minister has not allocated time for meetings with any other party leaders or workers besides his close aides. This development has left local party members and leaders disheartened. The outcome of the CM's meeting with trusted aides is, however, a secret.

# Karnataka got an interest-free loan of Rs. 7,130 crore after COVID-19

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&BCT)- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted that in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Modi instructed the Finance Ministry to provide interest-free loans to States for 50 years, aimed at bolstering infrastructure development and supporting ongoing projects.

"No Finance Commission had recommended, but the Centre decided to give all the States interest-free loans for 50 years... It might probably even get written off. What was the share of Karnataka in that? Rs. 7,130 crore since 2020-21," the Finance Minister disclosed.

"I ask whether the State Government acknowledged that Karnataka received the amount, which was not part of the recommendations of the Finance Commission," she asked.

**Karnataka's GST share**

Nirmala Sitharaman further noted that Karnataka had received its complete share of GST revenue, totalling Rs. 1.06 lakh crore for the period spanning from 2017 to 2022. She defended the growth forecasts, underscoring the positive influence of GST on State revenues.

In a pointed remark directed at the State Government, Nirmala Sitharaman remarked, "The growth rate before GST stood at a mere 11.68 percent. Now, with it climbing to 15 percent, they refuse to acknowledge it and claim the figures are exaggerated."

She addressed the State Government, stating, "I want to emphasise that GST is proving advantageous for you. It is gradually augmenting your tax revenues."

# Nirmala Sitharaman consistently denies written word: Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (SBD&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday launched a scathing critique against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, accusing her of misunderstanding the principle of fair distribution of funds to the States.

Using the social media platform X (formerly Twitter), the CM asserted that Nirmala Sitharaman consistently disregarded factual evidence. "One would anticipate the Finance Minister of our nation to uphold truthfulness. Unfortunately, she persistently contradicts documented facts," the CM stated.

Earlier in the day, Nirmala Sitharaman claimed that the Centre had fully and promptly disbursed all dues owed to Karnataka. On the criticism by the Finance Minister that adequate budgetary allocations were not made before the five guarantees were announced, Siddaramaiah said that he has reserved money in the budget to fund the guarantees. He accused the Finance Minister of 'destabilising the financial health of Karnataka' by stopping the guarantees.

Siddaramaiah, whose Government recently petitioned the Supreme Court over a purported 'five-month delay' in receiving drought relief funds from the Centre, highlighted that the final report of the 15th Finance Commission recommended allocating Rs. 6,000 crore to Karnataka, with Rs. 3,000 crore earmarked for the restoration of water bodies and another Rs. 3,000 crore designated for the construction of the Peripheral Ring Road for Bengaluru.

In his statement, Siddaramaiah referenced the interim report of the 15th Finance Commission for 2020-21, highlighting that the Commission had proposed allocating Rs. 6,764 crore for three States — Karnataka (Rs. 5,495 crore), Telangana (Rs. 723 crore), and Mizoram (Rs. 546 crore).

"The Ministry of Finance, led by Nirmala Sitharaman, disregarded these recommendations, thereby depriving Karnataka of its rightful allocation," Siddaramaiah asserted. He emphasised that the grants recommended by the Commission were aimed at ensuring that no State received a lesser share in devolution compared to the previous year in absolute terms. "Kannadigas demand their fair share. This is not a plea for charity," he affirmed.

Ahead of Lok Sabha Election...

# Mining baron and Gangavathi MLA Janardhana Reddy rejoins BJP

*BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra handing over party flag to Gangavathi MLA G. Janardhana Reddy, his wife Aruna Lakshmi and Dr. Thomas John (son of late Minister T. John) in Bengaluru this morning as former CM and BJP Parliamentary Board Member B.S. Yediyurappa, BJP Minority Morcha State President Dr. Anil Thomas, Ballari LS candidate B. Sriramulu and others look on.*

Bengaluru, Mar. 25- Gangavathi MLA and former Minister G. Janardhana Reddy returned to BJP fold at the party office in Malleswaram here this morning, boosting the prospects of saffron party ahead of Lok Sabha election.

BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra formally welcomed Reddy, also a mining baron, into the party, by handing over the party flag, in the presence of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Reddy's wife Aruna Lakshmi and Dr. Thomas P. John, son of former Minister late T. John, also joined the party along with Reddy.

Reddy's good old friend and former Minister B. Sriramulu, who is contesting the ensuing LS election from Ballari (ST Reserve) Constituency, was also present.

Speaking to media persons later, Reddy said, "It's like homecoming for me as I am reuniting with my mother. I have joined the party unconditionally without expecting anything in return, as BJP is in my blood. I have also decided to merge my Kalyana Rajya Pragathi Paksha (KRPP) with BJP to achieve the target of making Narendra Modi the Prime Minister again."

Reddy, who had floated KRPP ahead of Assembly elections in 2023, after snapping his two-decade long ties with BJP, had won the elections from Gangavathi in Koppal district.

Now, following his re-induction into BJP, the party is set to gain more with Reddy having a clout of his own especially in Ballari, Koppal and Vijayanagar districts.

Having cemented his political career with the rise of BJP in Karnataka with Yediyurappa forming the Government in 2008, Reddy later fell into oblivion with a slew of illegal mining cases filed against him by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Ballari MP B.N. Devendrappa, Bangalore Central MP P.C. Mohan, former Ministers C.T. Ravi and Anand Singh, MLC N. Ravikumar and other leaders were present.

# Yaduveer better candidate than Prathap Simha: Dr. Agarwal

'CM Siddaramaiah, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar are Maharajas; our candidate will fight against them'

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (MTY&BCT)- Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, the BJP's National General Secretary overseeing Karnataka affairs, has termed Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, as a 'better' candidate compared to the incumbent MP Prathap Simha. However, Agarwal hinted that a more significant role awaited Prathap Simha in the future.

"The Party High Command has selected Yaduveer as he is a better candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency. There are no specific reasons why two-time MP Prathap Simha was denied the ticket but the High Command felt that Yaduveer was a more suitable candidate. At the same time, I would like to say that Prathap Simha will be given a bigger role in BJP in the future. Now Prathap Simha will be our star campaigner," he told reporters in Mysuru yesterday.

Dr. Agarwal lauded the historical contributions of the erstwhile Maharajas of Mysore to the region's development, including the establishment of the hydroelectric plant in 1905, the construction of KRS Reservoir and initiatives in industrialisation and primary education.

"Yaduveer will be our star campaigner in many other Constituencies as the Maharajas — his forefathers — have contributed to the overall welfare of the entire region," he said.

Agarwal underscored the BJP's efforts to reintegrate the erstwhile royal family into mainstream politics through democratic channels, to leverage their potential contributions to the progress of Mysuru and Karnataka.

*BJP's National General Secretary Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agarwal seen with Mysuru-Kodagu LS BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar after felicitation at an event in Mysuru yesterday.*

On the statements of Congress leaders that the people of Mysuru and Kodagu will fight against royalty (Maharaja) and a common man, Agarwal said, "Yaduveer is a common man and he is amidst us. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar are the Maharajas and our candidate will fight against those Maharajas," he said.

Agarwal expressed that the BJP's inability to nominate MP Sumalatha Ambarish from Mandya was due to the party's alliance with JD(S). He emphasised the necessity of the BJP-JD(S) coalition in Karnataka to dislodge the Congress.

Nonetheless, Agarwal assured that Sumalatha, who has supported the BJP for the past five years, would persist in her allegiance to the party.

# Footpaths around Devaraja Market cleared of vendors

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**Demand for tarpaulins, drinking water**

While inspecting the shops, Dr. Madhu was informed by several vendors that the MCC staff had removed all the tarpaulins they had used for shading in the hot summer. In response, she instructed the staff to return the tarpaulins. Advising vendors not to haphazardly place tarpaulins that restrict pedestrian movement, she mentioned that she would explore the possibility of budgetary provisions for uniform tarpaulins for all shops to ensure uniformity in colour and appearance. Furthermore, many vendors requested drinking water facilities, prompting Dr. Madhu to instruct engineers to install pipelines for drinking water supply. Additionally, dustbins will be strategically placed inside the Market at regular intervals to enable vendors to dispose of vegetable and fruit waste properly, rather than discarding them on roads and lanes. To prevent the entry of livestock, barricades will be erected around the Market area, she added.

Regarding cleanliness maintenance, the MCC Commissioner stated that Pourakarmikas would be assigned to clean the Market in two shifts. Dr. Madhu also assured reporters that there would be no water shortage until the end of June.

"Nevertheless, I urge the people of Mysuru to use water wisely. We have contingency plans in place in case of water shortage, with water tankers on standby. Additionally, all pumping stations are prepared, with backups ready," she emphasised.

# Make Chikka Gadiyara a parking space: Vendors

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (RK&BCT)- During the inspection led by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu this morning, many vendors advocated for the reinstatement of Chikka Gadiyara (Dufferin Clock Tower) as a parking area. The area, once bustling with hundreds of vendors and shoppers, has now been cleared by the MCC, with plans for future cultural programmes.

Situated adjacent to Devaraja Market, this expansive space in the heart of the city was originally designed as a social gathering spot, offering visitors a conducive environment to relax and enjoy cultural events.

However, over time, the area became overrun by hawkers, vegetable and fruit vendors from the M.G. Road Market, resulting in clutter and congestion. The

MCC has since cleared the space of all vendors, aiming to restore it to its intended purpose.

Now, once again, some vendors are urging the MCC to allocate space for parking. According to vendors, this measure would alleviate the parking woes in the locality, where both two-wheelers and four-wheelers currently face difficulties finding parking spots for their vehicles.

# SSLC exam

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Also, all the photocopy shops and cyber cafes in the vicinity of the centres were ordered to shut down half an hour before the start of the exam till the exam ended. The SSLC exam will conclude on Apr.6.

Most of the students were seen accompanied by their parents or relatives to the exam hall. The parents were seen giving last minute tips to their wards ahead of the exam.

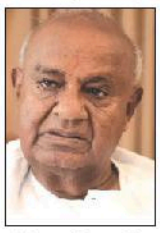
The students who appeared for the exam were offered midday meal at the centres after the exam ended.

The KSRTC ran a few additional trips to ferry far off students from their homes to the exam centres.

DDPI H.K. Pandu and other top officials of the Education Department visited some of the exam centres in the city and supervised the conduct of exams.

# 'All parties must include Mekedatu project in poll manifesto'

Bengaluru, Mar. 25 (BS)- Former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda on Sunday gave a call to all the parties to include the proposal of constructing a balancing reservoir across river Cauvery at Mekedatu in their election manifestos.



*Deve Gowda*

Gowda said, "We will be announcing about the proposed reservoir in our JD(S) manifesto and by replicating the initiative, all the other parties including BJP and Congress, should extend their support to the project."

Condemning the move of Tamil Nadu Government led by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party, where Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has opposed Mekedatu project, Gowda said, there is nothing to worry about, but we will announce our decision to support the project by including it in the manifesto.

The political interference in the matters of land, water and language are not acceptable. However, setting aside party affiliations there is a necessity to make concerted efforts towards the implementation of Mekedatu project that is aimed at addressing the drinking water requirements of Bengaluru City, added Gowda.

State Government, Chief Minister, Congress, BJP and JD(S) should resolve to build the reservoir after Lok Sabha polls, he said.

# Theppotsava held at N'gud

Nanjangud, Mar. 25 (Chandru &BS)- Theppotsava of Lord Sri Srikanteshwara Swamy organised as part of Dodda Jatra Mahotsava, was celebrated amid the cheer of devotees at Kapila river in Nanjangud on Sunday.

Devotees from various parts of the State who had descended on the temple town for Choornotsava Poorvaka Avabhrita Teertha Snana in the river, took a holy dip in the water in the morning and performed urulu seve, dhoopa deepa seve and offered silver articles in the hundi to fulfil their vows, before waiting in queue for the darshan of the presiding deity.

On account of Theppotsava, various puja rituals were performed along with Mahamangalarathi from the early morning hours, before allowing the devotees to the temple.

Later in the evening at 6.30 pm, the Utsava Murthy of Srikanteshwara, specially decorated for the occasion with diamond, pearls, gems and navaratna, was brought in a procession on a palanquin of pearls to Shastra Mantapa on the banks of river Kapila.

A team of priests, led by Chief Priest Nagachandra Dixit, performed various rituals to the deity, before the idol was placed on a motorboat modified for the religious occasion, with special illumination works. As per the ritual, the boat circumambulated in the river for three times.

Fireworks were the added attractions during the religious event. Police had made elaborate security arrangements as the devotees had gathered in large numbers.

Executive Officer of Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple Jagadish, Assistant Executive Officer Satish and others were present.

# Four Karnataka candidates in BJP's fifth list of LS polls

Bengaluru, Mar. 25 (DM)- Firebrand Uttara Kannada BJP MP Anantkumar Hegde has been denied the party ticket to contest the LS polls, while former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar has been given the ticket from Belagavi.

The BJP announced its fifth list of candidates for the LS polls, according to which the names of candidates for four LS seats in Karnataka find mention.

As per the latest list, former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, who returned to the party fold earlier this year, has been given the BJP ticket to contest from Belagavi, where he will Mrinal Hebbalkar of the Congress. Mrinal is the son of Women and Child Welfare Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar. The Belagavi seat is currently represented by Mangala Angadi, wife of late Union Minister Suresh Angadi. Mangala is also the in-law of Shettar.

Uttara Kannada MP Anantkumar Hegde, who of late is in the news for wrong reasons, has been denied the party ticket. Hegde has been replaced by former Karnataka Minister and Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri. Kageri will face Anjali Nimbalkar of the Congress in a direct contest. Anjali is the wife of IPS Officer Hemanth Nimbalkar.

The BJP also announced the names of its candidates from Chikkaballapur and Raichur LS seats. Former Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has got the party ticket to contest from Chikkaballapur. Raja Amareshwara Naik is the BJP's choice for Raichur LS seat. Though there was a bitter struggle between B.V. Nayak and Amareshwara Naik for the party ticket, the BJP High Command chose Raja Amareshwara Naik over B.V. Nayak. Amareshwara Naik is said to be a close relative of Ballari candidate and former Minister B. Sriramulu.

With the announcement of 4 candidates on Sunday, the BJP is left with naming of its candidate for only Chitradurga (SC) seat, out of the 25 seats that it will contest from the State. The BJP has left the three other seats to its alliance partner-JD(S), which will contest from Mandya, Hassan and Kolar (SC) seats. However, the JD(S) is yet to announce the name of its candidates for the 3 seats that it is going to contest.

# Balraj seeks support to strengthen Prime Minister Modi at Centre

## Former MLA is contesting on a BJP ticket from Chamarajanagar LS seat

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (VNS)- It is important that people extend their support to BJP in the ensuing Lok Sabha polls to ensure Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make India a world leader through Viksit Bharat becomes a reality, said Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha Constituency BJP candidate S. Balraj here yesterday.

Addressing the meeting with the party leaders and workers at Yathri Bhavan Convention Hall in Nanjangud, Balraj said that PM Modi had ensured the country was among the top nations in the world through his able leadership in the past 10 years.

"PM Modi has introduced several schemes for the welfare of the poor. As a result, labourers, women farmers and others must support BJP to ensure PM Modi's return to power for the third consecutive time. With BJP wave spread across the country, I request the people of Chamarajanagar LS Constituency to provide me an opportunity to serve them," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, State BJP Vice-President N. Mahesh said that at the time when country was reeling in corruption in 2013 it was PM Narendra Modi who strived hard and ensured the country bounced back to be among the 5th largest economy in the world. "PM Modi has a vision of taking our country to third position by 2029 and to the top position by 2047. People should support Balraj and BJP to strengthen PM Modi at the Centre and to ensure the party wins all LS seats in the State.

Former MLA B. Harshavardhan, addressing the party workers and leaders, said that while he was successful in getting Nugu Lift Irrigation project within 100 days of him being elected, the present MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan had totally failed despite completing 10 months in the office.

"Performing bhoomi pujas to the projects that were launched during my tenure is the only achievement of the present MLA," he said and added that handing over the helm of affairs to leaders like Rahul Gandhi would be dangerous for the country.

"There is every chance of the present Siddaramaiah-led Government to fall on BJP winning majority of LS seats in the State. Though a vacuum has been created with the absence of V. Sreenivasa Prasad, I will try to fill in gap," said Harshavardhan who urged the party workers to work hard in the booth level to ensure party candidate's victory since it was a prestige issue for Nanjangud.

# Farmers to lay siege to CESC MD's Office for adequate supply of power tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (GA&KS)- Urging for supply of adequate power and for reintroduction of 'Akrama Sakrama' scheme, farmers, under the banner of Rajya Raitha Sanghatanegala Okkuta and Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association, will lay siege to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited's Managing Director (MD) Office at Hinkal and will hold a massive protest tomorrow (Mar. 26) at 11.30 am, said Association State President Hallikere Bhagyaraj.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan recently, he said that the Government had ordered 10 hours of adequate power supply to agricultural pump sets which was not being done and came down heavily on the Government which is asking farmers to install solar pump sets. He also urged to reintroduce 'Akrama Sakrama' scheme.

He also said that the transformers were not being repaired on time, despite there being a rule to repair burnt transformers within 72 hours. Keeping all this in mind, a massive protest is being held tomorrow, he said and added that if the officials concerned do not respond to their pleas, they would intensify the protest.

Association State Vice-President Timmappa, Mysuru District Hon. President Shivarudrappa, District President Ravi, Organising Secretary Mahesh, Chamarajanagar Taluk President Kumar, T. Narasipur Taluk President Jayaswamy were present at the press meet.

# Obituary

**Mayanna**

Nanjangud, Mar. 25- Mayanna (86), Proprietor of Manjunatha Rice Mill here, passed away yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held next to Lingabhattara Gudi in the town this afternoon, according to family sources.

# 'Abhijaatha Sthree' Awardees

***Danseuse Dr. Kripa Phadke presenting 'Abhijaatha Sthree' Awards to women achievers** — (sitting from left) **Medical professional Dr. Bhavana R. Madhusudhan, entrepreneur Vinutha S. Giri, writers Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar & Dr. K. Leela Prakash and medical professional Dr. Poornima — during women's day celebrations at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar on Friday. Others seen are** (standing from left) **Samarpana Shikshana Samsthe Secretary Sudha Phanish, Vice-President N. Ananth, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, social worker K. Raghuram and cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu.***

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (SBD&DM)- Noted danseuse of the city Dr. Kripa Phadke, who has recently been appointed as the President of Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy, said that men and women are like the two sides of the same coin in the society.

She was speaking after inaugurating the award presentation ceremony organised jointly by Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Uttishta Bharat Pratishtana, as part of International Women's Day celebrations at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar here on Friday.

Stating that every woman born in this earth is good, Dr. Phadke said that women have often shown that they can achieve anything provided they are given an opportunity. However, women should distinguish between freedom and a chaste life, as doing so will help in leading a smooth and purposeful life.

Recalling the famous saying that 'behind success of every man, there is a woman', she highlighted that both men and women should not be arrogant on life matters and issues. She lauded the organisers for recognising and honouring achiever women from different fields.

Senior writer Dr. Leela Prakash said that women have patience, concern and affection for leading and binding a family. Women have often shown that they can excel in multiple fields at a time.

Samarpana Shikshana Samsthe Secretary Sudha Phanish too delivered a talk. Writers Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar and Dr. K. Leela Prakash, entrepreneur Vinutha S. Giri and medical professionals Dr. Poornima and Dr. Bhavana R. Madhusudhan were conferred with 'Abhijaatha Sthree' Awards.

Also, Utthishta Bharat Pratishtana Secretary and city-based cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu's 'Sthree Shakti' poster was released on the occasion. Vidushi M.K. Shobha gave a Bharatanatyam presentation.

# MCC fetes women Pourakarmikas

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (MTY&DM)- Marking International Women's Day, as many as 66 women Pourakarmikas attached to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) were honoured at the programme organised by the MCC at its premises here on Friday.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu said that women, apart from doing household chores, are excelling in almost every field.

Highlighting the role of women Pourakarmikas in keeping cities and towns clean, she said that women played a key role in Mysuru earning the cleanest city tag a few years ago.

Underscoring the role of Pourakarmikas in keeping urban bodies clean and tidy, she said that women Pourakarmikas have shown that they are no less than men in almost every field.

The MCC has been honouring women Pourakarmikas for their excellent and dedicated works, she added.

MCC Additional Commissioner (Revenue) Kusuma Kumari said that the support of men alone does not help in the excellence of women.

Pointing out that the support of women too is equally important, she called upon women Pourakarmikas to educate their girl children and thus help them in achieving success in their careers.

A total of 66 senior women Pourakarmikas were honoured on the occasion.

MCC Deputy Commissioner Sindhu, Revenue DC Sujatha, Zonal Officers Rekha Shetty, Vani, Manjunath Reddy & Nagaraj, Health Officers Dr. Venkatesh and Dr. Harsha, Environmental Engineer Maithri and others were present.

***MCC Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu honouring women Pourakarmikas during the International Women's Day celebrations at Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on Friday as others look on.***

## Perseverance and sincere efforts always yield good results: J.B. Rangaswamy

***Retired Dy.SP J.B. Rangaswamy** (second from left) **releasing the study material at the valedictory of 63-day coaching organised by city-based Jnanabuthi at the premises of Government High School and PU College in Lakshmipuram recently.***

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (PM&TRR)- Retired Dy.SP J.B. Rangaswamy has said that sincere efforts and perseverance will not go waste and always give good results at some time or the other.

He was speaking at the valedictory of 63-day coaching camp for PDO, FDA and VA examinations, organised by city-based Jnanabuthi organisation at the premises of Government High School and PU College in Lakshmipuram recently. He also released study materials for the job aspirants at the function.

"When studied with concentration, it is easy to understand the subject. To understand any subject, continuous study is very essential. I am associated with Jnanabuthi for the last 40 years and since then it is giving free training for aspirants taking up various competitive exams. Those who are attending the training programme must make the best use of this opportunity," he advised.

"Don't think that just because training is given free, it is cheap. One must understand the social concern and commitment behind such intentions," stated Rangaswamy.

Retired Joint Director of Food and Civil Supplies Department Dr. K. Rameshwarappa recalled that Jnanabuthi started its service in Mysuru by offering free training to teachers. Later it extended its services to competitive examinations and is marching ahead successfully, he said and concluded by saying that two departed leaders MLA Vasu and IAS Officer K. Shivaram were the backbones of Jnanabuthi and also expressed his gratitude for their services.

All India Adult Education Committee Director Y.N. Shankaregowda presided. Folk artiste Amma Ramachandra, Jnanabuthi General Secretary Jainahalli Satyanarayanagowda, H. Balakrishna and others were present on the occasion.

# Government Medical Officers Association celebrates International Women's Day

***Women and Child Development Department Director Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha launched an awareness rally organised as part of International Women's Day celebrations by Karnataka State Government Medical Officers Association in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises on Friday.***

Mysuru, Mar. 25 (MTY&DM)- Karnataka State Government Medical Officers Association celebrated International Women's Day at a programme organised in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises on Friday.

Women and Child Development Department Director Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha launched an awareness rally organised as part of the celebrations.

The rally passed through Hardinge Circle, B.N. Road and culminated at the District Health and Family Welfare Department Office in Nazarbad.

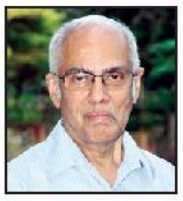
Speaking at the stage programme held at Vaidyara Bhavan in the Department Office premises, Dr. Pushpalatha said that women should excel in all fields.

Observing that women are no more restricted to homes and are making a mark for themselves in all sectors, she said that women should play a vital role in building an equal society.

She further said that all the staff of the Department should make it a point to compulsorily vote in the LS polls.

The staff took a pledge on mandatory voting, on the occasion. Health and Family Welfare Deputy Director Dr. Vasanth Kumar, Divisional Joint Director Dr. Mallika, District Hospital Surgeon Dr. T. Amarnath, DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Dr. C.M. Jagadish and others were present.

# Foolproof strategy to make Mysuru cleanest city in three years



By Bhamy V. Shenoy
**Founding President,**
**Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)**

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In just one year, Indore made an astounding leap from 25th to first rank in 2017, while Mysuru experienced a rapid decline from first rank in 2016 to 27th. Can Mysuru replicate Indore's success? Here is a comprehensive and foolproof plan incorporating five strategies:

**Community engagement:** Engage every student in our city, from kindergarten to post-graduate levels, in initiatives to maintain cleanliness.

**Citywide responsibility:** Encourage every organisation, institution, NGO, Government Office, company, shopkeeper, religious institution and hospitality establishment to take ownership of keeping Mysuru clean.

**Political oversight:** Establish a high-level political committee comprising MP, MLAs, Mayor and former Mayors recognised for their contributions to cleanliness. Keep the committee focused and productive with a limited membership of 10.

**Enforcement of laws:** Prioritise enforcing the rule of law to implement various regulations impacting cleanliness.

**Technical expertise:** Create a high-level technical committee comprising experts to address every technical aspect crucial for maintaining cleanliness.

These strategies aim to mobilise the entire community, ensure effective governance and leverage technical expertise to revitalise Mysuru's cleanliness efforts.

## TO INVOLVE STUDENTS

Each school and college should establish a Clean Mysuru Committee, led by the head of the institution, with every student serving as a committee member. Educational institutions should form a Clean Mysuru Executive Committee, overseen by a dedicated teacher, committed to the goal of making Mysuru the cleanest city and willing to volunteer their time.

Every student must embrace the idea that maintaining a clean city is an individual responsibility. They should refrain from littering and take proactive steps like picking up garbage and encouraging others to do the same.

Schools can foster student engagement through various activities such as awarding prizes to outstanding participants, organising hackathons, hosting competitions, debates or any other innovative initiatives to involve Mysureans in the Clean Mysuru Campaign. To incentivise participation, students should be rewarded.

Importantly, these initiatives require minimal funds and time investment. What's essential is the institution's willingness to contribute to the Clean Mysuru Campaign. Prioritising the cleanliness of the school campus and its surroundings should be the primary focus.

## TO INVOLVE INSTITUTIONS

In Mysuru, there are many civic organisations, each of which should take the initiative. Every institution should take pride in contributing to this cause. From small shops to large companies, hotels, restaurants, kalyana mantaps, builders, temples, KSRTC, Railways, tourist vehicle companies and others should voluntarily participate. While adhering strictly to laws and regulations regarding plastic use and garbage handling, they should proactively engage without waiting for official support or mandates.

Government officials' involvement is indispensable in this endeavour. We, the people, must encourage and recognise their efforts, especially when officials go beyond their duties, such as Dr. Kodira Kushalappa, who served as Forest Officer in Mysuru, setting a commendable example.

In a democracy, it's crucial to involve elected leaders. While there may be concerns about political pressures, in non-controversial topics like the Clean Mysuru Campaign, we should strive to keep politics aside and seek their active participation. Projects such as debris handling, installing bio-gas plants, increasing the number of 'safai mithras' and allocating more funds for garbage collection and management require the active involvement of elected leaders.

A committee comprising former Mayors, elected representatives should be formed to recognise outstanding institutions and individuals contributing to city cleanliness. This committee should function independently of political influences, focusing solely on the noble cause of making Mysuru the cleanest city. Limiting the committee's size to 10 members may pose a challenge, but it's worth striving for in pursuit of this noble goal.

At the Ward-level, local Corporators should establish committees to ensure cleanliness, recruiting at least five volunteers from diverse backgrounds to regularly monitor and maintain cleanliness. Initiatives like prizes for the cleanest Ward should incentivise Corporators to prioritise cleanliness in their respective Wards.

## TO IMPOSE THE RULE OF LAW

While we admire countries like Singapore for their governance, we overlook the strict adherence to the rule of law that underpins their success. No amount of education, capacity building, technology or expenditure will suffice to keep our city clean without the strict implementation of the rule of law.

Violating laws related to cleanliness must face consequences and any political interference should be exposed. Without absolute certainty in the rule of law, the idea of maintaining a clean city remains an illusion.

The success of cities like Indore, where people's participation is lauded, is often attributed to the stringent enforcement of laws. Recent articles tracing Indore's success highlight how the Commissioner imposed fines on violators. Can Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) adopt such stringent measures?

The need for a technical committee is paramount in today's context. Garbage management has become highly technical, especially with the handling of hazardous hospital waste and electronic waste. To reduce landfill waste, sophisticated methods of waste segregation and handling are necessary.

In Mysuru, there is a lack of reliable data on the quantity and types of garbage generated daily. The outdated estimate of 500 tonnes of garbage generation, based on a population of 10 lakh, needs revision for the current population of 14 lakh.

A technical committee should accurately estimate total garbage generation and types, including household and debris waste, and develop plans to minimise waste generation, reduce plastic usage, and efficiently handle garbage.

Engaging engineering colleges in developing a unique 'Mysuru Model' and recruiting world-class environmental engineers with expertise in modern waste management are crucial steps for the effective functioning of the technical committee.

## WHAT NEXT?

The MCC Commissioner must appoint a talented young environmental engineer to exclusively spearhead the implementation of the discussed strategies for the Clean Mysuru Campaign.

This professional should focus initially on engaging students, collaborating with engineering colleges to involve their environmental engineers, forming the political committee and coordinating with various associations and NGOs to develop their activities.

Simultaneously, civic organisations should take proactive steps to implement their strategies autonomously. They can establish coordination committees to facilitate widespread participation among Mysureans, utilising their considerable resources effectively.

To raise awareness and promote the Clean Mysuru Campaign, the expertise of publicity professionals should be sought to create impactful posters. Without the active involvement of every citizen in a committed manner, our vision of making Mysuru the cleanest city will remain a mere dream.

However, by successfully engaging every citizen, strictly enforcing the rule of law and leveraging top-notch technical expertise in waste management, we can transform Namma Mysuru into the cleanest city within three years.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Pedantic

**Pronunciation:** pih-DAN-tik.
**Meaning:** Pedantic describes someone or something that exhibits the characteristics of a pedant — that is, a person who often annoys other people by correcting small errors and giving too much attention to minor details. Pedantic also means "narrowly, stodgily and often ostentatiously learned."
**Origin:** In Shakespeare's day, a pedant was a male school teacher. The word's meaning was close to that of the Italian pedante, from which the English word was adapted. Someone who was pedantic was simply a tutor or teacher. But some instructional pedants of the day must have been pompous and dull because by the early 1600s both pedant and pedantic had gained extended senses applying to anyone who was obnoxiously and tediously devoted to their own academic acumen. When describing arguments, pedantic can be used for instances where one relies too heavily on minor details as a way to show off one's intelligence.
**Example:** "Published ... in 1818, 'Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus' is a terrifying, thought-provoking novel about the nature of humanity and the consequences of bringing life into the world. The titular character, as many a pedantic fan will have you know, isn't the monster but his creator Victor Frankenstein." —Wilson Chapman, Indie Wire, 12 Feb. 2024.

## THE ODD WORD

**Pannikin**

Small metal cup.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Photobomb

**Meaning:** 'Photobomb' is when an unexpected person or thing that either intentionally or by accident appears as the photograph is being taken. Photobombing usually happens as a practical joke, and without the acknowledgement of the main subjects of the photo.
**Origin:** Photobombing has been around since the 70's, however, it became a widespread phenomenon following the technological transition from analog film to digital in the early 2000s, coupled with the rise of photo-sharing social sites such as Facebook, Instagram and more. The first recorded use of the phrase was in the online dictionary of slang words and phrases, 'Urban Dictionary', on May 6th 2008.
**Example:** "I can't believe that almost all of our wedding photos were photobombed by that crazy pigeon. In one of them you can even see the moment he tried to attack my husband."

## QUOTE BOX

To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal.—**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

DO CTOR

*Answer : Doctor Dolittle.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Taxi in America?
4 Snatch or seize
8 Garlands of flowers from Polynesia
12 Uber competitor
13 Internal as a prefix ?
14 Famous cookie
15 Preserve or contend
17 It is exactly 36 inches
18 Sponsorship
19 Brass instrument
21 Pull laboriously
23 Spicy sausage
27 Anatomical pouch
30 Monetary unit of Burma - "pay" anagram?
32 Of equal value? (2,3)
33 Popular fertilizer
35 Silent
37 English Royal House 1461 – 85
38 Two thousand five hundred four - in Roman numerals
40 Methane or oxygen?
42 Desmond's pet name?
43 Egyptian god
45 Young dog
47 An agreement
49 Passenger vehicles
53 A choir member
56 Proud and rude, haughty
58 Carry or endure
59 Great Bard's tragic king
60 Satellite Data Unit, abbr.
61 Single digit
62 Sean ___ of Hollywood
63 High speed diesel, acronym?

**DOWN**
1 Insensible state
2 Wings or winglike parts
3 Ex-India batsman Abbas Ali ___
4 Arises (4,2)
5 Cellular letters
6 Miner's egress
7 Extra pay
8 Allegiance
9 Historical period
10 Comparative ending ?
11 A piece of earth
16 Nothing!
20 Pastoral sound
22 Physical training facility
24 As similar as two peas in _ ___? (1,3)
25 Female horse
26 Pesters or bothers
27 Japanese style of wrestling
28 Prepares for war
29 Basic monetary unit of Ghana
31 31-day mo.
34 Aerodrome
36 Atlas entry
39 By way of
41 Induce by bribery to commit unlawful act
44 Skin of the skull
46 Small stocky dog
48 Perennial plant
50 Window frame
51 Brings to a conclusion
52 A collar fastener
53 Rajasthan's Mount ____
54 Cricket great Sir ____ Hutton
55 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
57 Moved fast

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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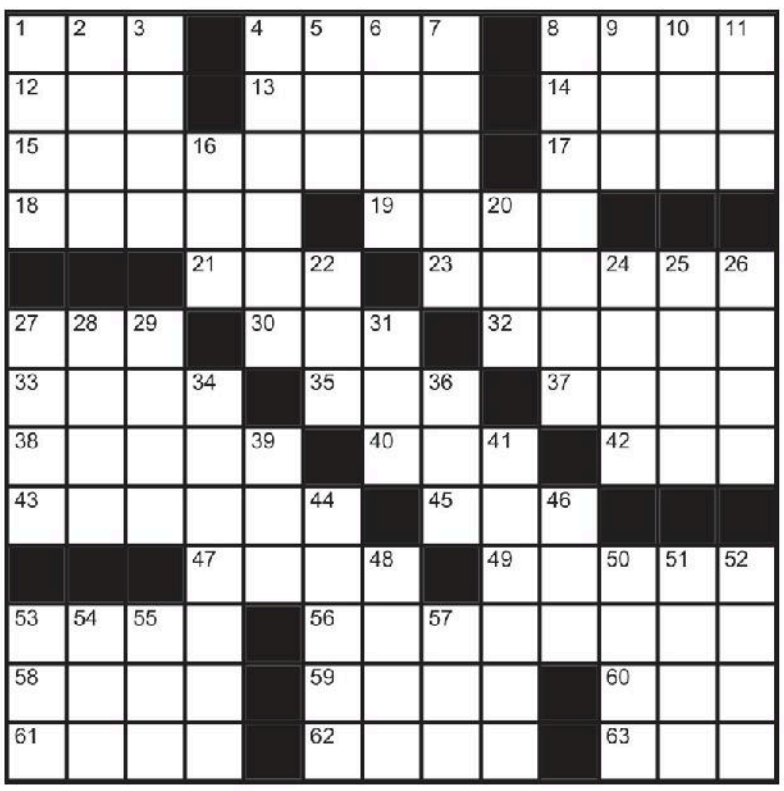

## SUDOKU

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| 3 | 5 | | | | | | 1 | |
| | 2 | | | | | | 6 | |
| | 6 | | | | | | 4 | 2 |
| 5 | | | | 8 | | | | 7 |
| | | | 9 | 6 | | | | 8 |
| | | 3 | | | 7 | | 5 | |

Answer to previous puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 8 |
| 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 8 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| 7 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 6 |
| 3 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| 6 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 5 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**BKC BEWXKCI BKC TED, BKC**

**XICGBCI BKC ICLGIS.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS T**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** It is well to give when asked but it is better to give unasked, through understanding.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  *Blink (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  *Jackie (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  *Shakhahaari (K)* - 4 *Shows*
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  *Dilkush (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  *Bhimaa (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  *Karataka Dhamanaka (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  *Premalu (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  *Ooru Peru Bhairavakona (Te)* - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  *Ooru Peru Bhairavakona (Te)* - 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E)* | (S-1) | 11 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm |
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | (S-1) | 1 pm |
| *Om Bheem Bush (Te)* | (S-1) | 10 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | (S-2) | 10.30 am, 7.20 pm |
| *Dilkush (K)* | (S-2) | 1.25 pm |
| *Article 370 (H)* | (S-2) | 4.10 pm |
| *Anchakkallakokkan (Ma)* | (S-2) | 10 pm |
| *Thooth Kaasu (K)* | (S-3) | 10.45 am |
| *Lineman (K)* | (S-3) | 1.30 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | (S-3) | 4.15 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | (S-3) | 7.05 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am |
| *Razakar - Silent Genocide (Te)* | (S-3) | 9.55 pm |
| *Rebel (Ta)* | (S-4) | 1.20 pm |
| *Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)* | (S-4) | 4.10 pm, 7.30 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Karataka Damanaka (K)* | : | 1.15 pm, 7.00 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | : | 1.30 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Premalu (Te)* | : | 1.30 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Thooth Kaasu (K)* | : | 4.15 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 10.30 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | : | 11.55 am, 2.45 pm, 5.00 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Kerebete (K)* | : | 12.30 pm |
| *Thooth Kaasu (K)* | : | 12.30 pm |
| *Om Bheem Bush (Te)* | : | 12.40 pm, 6.40 pm |
| *Madgaon Express (H)* | : | 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.55 pm, 10 pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | : | 1.25 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 2.10 pm |
| *Rebel -2024 (Te)* | : | 3.25 pm, 9.05 pm |
| *Dilkush (K)* | : | 3.45 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | : | 3.45 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Lineman (K)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Anchakkallakokkan (Ma)* | : | 9.45 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210**

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|---|---|---|
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | : | 11.20 am, 1.35 pm, 6.45 pm |
| *Lineman (K)* | : | 12 noon |
| *Madgaon Express (H)* | : | 12.10 pm, 6.55 pm |
| *Rebel - 2024 (Ta)* | : | 1.10 pm, 6.30 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 2.40 pm |
| *Blink (K)* | : | 3.15 pm |
| *Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)* | : | 3.15 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | : | 3.50 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Rakshasa Tantra (K)* | : | 4.10 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | : | 6.10 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 9 pm |
| *Om Bheem Bush (Te)* | : | 10 pm |

## EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 25)

- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - An art exhibition of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Aradhya Mahasabha, Mysuru:** Jagadguru Sri Renukacharya Jayanti celebration, procession of Jagadguru Sri Renukacharya's idol, **5 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-265, vocal duet by Ustad Sarfaraz Khan and Ustad Faraz Khan, accompanied by Pandit Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pandit Sumit Nayak on tabla, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

*Ustad Sarfaraz Khan & Ustad Faraz Khan* *Pt. Hiremath* *Pt. Sumit Nayak*

## EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 26)

- **Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust:** International Women's Day celebrations, various competitions, 'Super Atte-Sose' for mother-in-law and daughter-in-law; Desi Softdrinks Competition; Entertainment Competition, Rangoli Competition; 'Sakhigondu Saree' programme, **9.30 am to 12 noon;** Conferring of 'Spoorthi Sakhi' award women achievers of various fields — Sudha Yoganna (Medical), Pushpa Iyengar (Organising), Vidu. Nethra Nandan (Art), Jayalakshmi Venkataramu (Social Work) and Sumathi Subramanya (Literature) — by former Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairperson Mallige Veeresh and former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust Founder-Secretary Gayathri Sundaresh will be present, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **11.55 am.** [Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442]
- **Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation:** Nature's Allure - An art exhibition of photographs related to Kukkarahalli Lake by Sunil Raju, Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am to 7 pm.**
- **BSG International Foundation for Health Sciences (BGS IFHS) - Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru:** Lamp lighting and oath taking ceremony of 20th batch of B.Sc Nursing students and 23rd batch of GNM Nursing students and 20th batch of Paramedical students and graduation ceremony of B.Sc Nursing and M.Sc Nursing students; BGS Mutt Secretary Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse chief guest, BGS IFHS Principal Dr. N.T. Aruna Devi administers oath, District and Epidemic Hospital District Surgeon Dr. T. Amarnath and Apollo BGS Hospital-Mysuru Operations and Unit Head, Vice-President N.G. Bharateesha Reddy guests of honour, Sri Bandanthamma Kalamma Community Hall, Kuvempunagar, **11.30 am.**

### INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Jackie (K)* | (S-2) | 12.55 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Karataka Damaraka (K)* | (S-2) | 4 pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | (S-1) | 3.20 pm |
| *Yodha (H)* | (S-3) | 4.05 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | (S-2) | 10.20 pm |
| | (S-3) | 10 am, 7 pm |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 1.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Madgaon Express (H)* | (S-1) | 12.15 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.20 pm |
| *Swatantrya Veera Savarkar (H)* | (S-3) | 10 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10 am , 3.55 pm |
| *Om Bheem Bush (Te)* | (S-3) | 1.00 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757**

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|---|---|---|
| *Madgaon Express (H)* | : | 10.10 am, 1.15 pm<br>7.15 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Rebel - 2024 (Ta)* | : | 10.45 am, 10 pm |
| *Jackie (K)* | : | 10.50 am, 10.30 pm |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E)* | : | 11.15 am |
| *Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3d)* | : | 1.55 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Trailers Screening Show* | : | 1.25 pm |
| *Blink (K)* | : | 1.45 pm |
| *Rakshasa Tantra (K)* | : | 2.05 pm |
| *Om Bheem Bush (Te)* | : | 4.10 pm |
| *Shaitaan (H)* | : | 4.20 pm |
| *Dilkush (K)* | : | 4.25 pm |
| *Manjummel Boys (Ma)* | : | 4.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Lineman (Te)* | : | 7.20 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

## IPL 2024

**TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 25)**

RCB vs PBKS

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru — **7.30 pm**

**TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 26)**

CSK vs GT

M. A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai — **7.30 pm**

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

**GT - 168 / 6 (20)**
BEAT
**MI - 162 / 9 (20)**

**RR - 193 / 4 (20)**
BEAT
**LSG - 173 / 6 (20)**

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